Border area development fund for R.S. Pura

3139. SHRI T.S. BAJWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether funds for Border Area Development are sanctioned regularly particularly regions like R.S. Pura;

(b) if not, the reason thereof;

(c) if so, the funds sanctioned during the last five years; and

(d) in what manner these funds have been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The position of sanction and utilization of funds for R.S. Pura Block under the Border Area Development Programme is as follows :

Year	Funds Sanctioned (Rs. Lakh)	Funds utilized (Rs. Lakh)	Utilization (%)
1998-99	64.02	51.25	80.05
1999-2000	21.00	25.31	120.52
2000-01	38.56	38.56	100.00
2001-02	63.38	48.56	76.62
2002-03	124.70	111.63	89.52
TOTAL	311.66	275.31	88.34

Amount allocated to Jammu and Kashmir for roads

3140. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount allocated to Jammu and Kashmir for original and maintenance works on Highways during the last three years;

(b) whether the amount allocated has been utilised as per schedule;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) to (d) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. The details of amount allocated for original

(development) and maintenance works on National Highways executed by Border Roads Organisation and J&K PWD and their utilisation are as follows :—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Original (development) works		Maintenance works	
	Funds allocated	Funds utilised	Funds allocated	Funds utilised
2000-01	35.66	33.68	12.83	10.82
2001-02	43.78	43.71	9.76	9.21
2002-03	50.41	50.41	9.05	9.05
				(Provisional)

Andaman Trunk Road

3141. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court ruled in 2002 that the portion of the Andaman Trunk Road passing through Jarawa Reserve in Andaman Island shall be closed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Shekhar Singh Committee had earlier recommended steps to protect bio-diversity of the Island;

(c) whether it has been implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK) : (a) This Ministry is primarily responsibile for development and maintenance of National Highways. The Andaman Trunk Road is not a National Highway. Prof. Shekhar Singh in his report recommended to the Hon'ble Supreme Court that the portion of Andaman Trunk Road passing through Jarawa Reserve, should be closed. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 07-05-2002 accepted the report of Prof. Shekhar Singh in the first instance,